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SUBJECT: W/W MARIA, AREF, RAMADAN, LEILA AND AZAD HARB

REF: STATE 94623, AMMAN 1904

1. SCHOOL YEAR OVER AT END OF MAY IN JORDAN. HARB FAMILY IS NOW DEPENDENT ON SUBSISTENCE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY AT JORDANIAN DINAR TWO PER DAY (APPROX. \$6.06) FOR FOOD. AT END OF APRIL FAMILY MUST MOVE OUT OF HOUSE THEY PRESENTLY OCCUPYING AS OWNER HAS RENTED IT TO ANOTHER FAMILY. IF HARB'S WERE TO STAY IN JORDAN UNTIL END OF MAY EMBASSY WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE SOME FUNDS FOR RENT AS THERE NO ONE HARB'S CAN TURN TO. THERE ARE VIRTUALLY NO PENSION TYPE ESTABLISHMENTS IN AMMAN AND IT DIFFICULT TO FIND ACCOMODATIONS OF ANY KIND. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT A SMALL FURNISHED APARTEMENT IN AN UNEXPENSIVE AREA JUST OUTSIDE AMMAN WOULD COST \$150.00 TO \$250.00 PER MONTH. FINDING SUCH A PLACE IS PROBLEMEATICAL AT BEST AS SITUATION IN LEBANON HAS RESULTED IN MANY LEBANESE TAKING REFUGE IN JORDAN, DRYING UP HOUSING SOURCES.

2. GIVEN ABOVE RECOMMEND DPT. AUTHORIZE REPATERIATION LOAN FOR HARB CHILDREN ASAP AND ASK HUSBAND TO FURNISH FUNDS FOR MOTHER. MRS. HARB STATED SHE NOT UNWILLING TO REJOIN HUSBAND (SHE WANTS TO GO TO CHICAGO) BUT FEELS HE HAS ABANDONED HER AND CHILDREN AS HE HAS NOT SENT ANY FUNDS FOR WELL OVER A YEAR. RESERVATIONS ON AIRLINES DEPARTING AMMAN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AND SOME LEAD TIME REQUIRED.

3. FOUR OF HARB CHILDREN (MARIA, AREF, RAMADAN, AND LEILA)

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ARE ON PASSPORT ISSUED TO MARIA MARCH 31, 1971. THE PASSPORT HAS

EXPIRED. FIFTH CHILD AZAD HAS SEPARATE PASSPORT STILL VALID.
WE PLANNING TO AMEND THIS PASSPORT TO INCLUDE HIS SIBLINGS EVEN
THOUGH HE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF FAMILY.
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